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TOPICS OF THE DAY.

The mass meeting of the Democrats which took place on Saturday even was marked by prevailing decorum and harmony. It was, as a prominent Democrat remarked, more like a Y. M. C. A. meeting than a gathering of Democratic braves. There was no quarrelling or bickering or wrangling, and yet there were no signs of any machines or made-up slates.

Aloha oe and prosit Captain Henri Berger on the 28th anniversary of your arrival on these Islands. We congratulate ourselves more than you for your ten thousand concerts, far more interesting than the thousand and one tales of the Arabian nights, in which you have kept us in good humor during revolutionary epochs and in the happiest of moods during the piping times of joyful peace. In your songs you have inscribed yourself deep in the heart of your adopted country as one whose memory will ever be cherished with esteem and love.

Is the great American game known as "poker" a game of chance or of skill? was a question which confronted the District Magistrate this morning. Four gentlemen pleaded guilty to having indulged in the fascinating game, but claimed that they had only played for pennies, and that simply for making the game a little more interesting. The judge expressed his surprise that poker playing is classified as gambling, being such a nice, inoffensive game, but, as the four men had pleaded guilty to the charge, he had to fine them and he mulcted each in a sum of \$3. The sinners were Chinese which perhaps accounted for their arrest. To further the ends of justice we invite our local players to give public expression to their opinion as to whether poker players are gamblers or simply people exercising their "skill" in handling cards.

Judge Wilcox administered a severe lecture to a young man who was charged in his court with assaulting a gentleman on Saturday night. The gentleman was watching the celebration at the Catholic Church in company with his wife when the young man accosted the lady and attempted to take liberties with her. The husband naturally resented the action of the man who is a perfect stranger to him, and from words it came to blows, and they were mixed up until Lieutenant Leslie forced his way through the crowd and arrested the aggressor, who even attempted to do the officer up. Judge Wilcox's remarks should be read carefully by a certain class of people now making themselves obnoxious and who will not be tolerated in this community. His Honor spoke to the following effect: 'You have committed an offense for which I hold the most profound contempt, by insulting and even assaulting a woman. Numerous complaints reach me in regard to similar conduct by men of your stamp whom I recognize as 'new haoles.' The salt water voyage from the

mainland to these Islands has evidently no soothing effect on your 'freshness' but this court will endeavor to adopt the methods which will give you and the likes of you a chance to consider your abominable conduct behind the bars of Oahu jail. No man has a right to put his hands on a woman against her will even if she be a common prostitute. The women will be protected at all hazards, and as soon as you new haoles understand it the better for all concerned. You have apologized to the husband and he is asking me not to punish you, but understand that from this day I shall have only one punishment for offenses similar to the one you plead guilty to and that is imprisonment. We compliment the judge on his correct view and trust the lesson will be wholesome to mothers and insulters of women.

There was a scratch cricket game at Makiki on Saturday, R. A. Jordan's team defeating that of A. W. Bottomley by 22 runs; the score standing 39 to 61. The Bowling of Sinclair and Cockburn wrought the mischief. These players also made the two highest scores.

LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

The American bark Big Bonanza, Captain Alexander Bergman, got into this port at 8:40 a. m. yesterday from Newcastle with 2,148 tons of coal to order. The Bonanza left Newcastle on March 24th.

We welcome to Honolulu Mr. Charles Stanley, a younger brother of Judge W. L. Stanley, and trust he will be as successful and popular as his brother—Anglican Church Chronicle. The Independent echoes the welcome.

Territorial Day, June 14, will be a National Holiday and arrangements are being made for its due observance with all the pomp and parade it merits including a dance in the evening. T. E. Krouse provides the refreshment.

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